

PREFACE

On August 10, 1996 a sculpture was unveiled in Heber City Park to celebrate the pioneering contributions of William Madison Wall. The life-sized bronze statue entitled "Journey's End" captured the spirit of the man and his accomplishments. Among those gathered at the ceremony were scores of William Madison Wall's descendants along with civic and church authorities.

One of the purposes of this history is to bring together as many of the known facts and stories as possible associated with this great man. The compilers want to expand upon the monumental work *William Madison Wall: His Life and His Family* which was researched and written in the 1960's by Garth D. Mecham and W. Reed Nuttall. Because the book is now out of print and its information desired by newer Wall generations, much of the historical narrative of that book has been included (Appendix 2) in this volume. Also included are numerous full-text documents pertaining to William Madison Wall that have been meticulously researched by his great-granddaughter, Darlene Wall Harris.

Another purpose of this book is to shed new light on the preceding generations of the direct lineage of William Madison Wall. The recent (1997) publication and of to the Scottish Parish Church Records from the early 1500s up to 1854 and other colonial emigration documents have opened up new possibilities in establishing the most probable origins of the earliest Wall ancestry. While much research has been done on this lineage, much more remains to be done. The conclusions documented in the first chapters of this history are based upon the latest documentation available and represent the considered opinions of the researchers. The full story of the emigration and life of the first Wall ancestor of this line has yet to be written. It is for the coming generations, who like us will stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before as

had done much work for the church and who expressed to me his love for William Madison Wall, the first Presiding Elder in Wasatch. Dee said that he and his family had been going to Wallsburg for picnics and enjoyment since his days as a student at BYU. He was pleased to learn that William was my great-grandfather, and remarked that he had always wanted to research and write about him. I was experiencing serious illness at the time, which turned out to be cancer, and questioned if I would be able to compile a worthy work on William. Dee and I entered into an agreement for him to do the research and writing, and for me to do whatever I could to assist.

I am pleased with Dee's efforts and hope they will bring to the readers of this book a greater appreciation of William and added knowledge to what they already know of him. I pray the research on William's ancestors proves to be definitive, and that he is as pleased to be united in an Eternal Family with them as you and I expect to be with William, his wives, and their honorable posterity.

This work has been greatly assisted by numerous family members who have contributed pictures, facts, legends, and leads. Garth D. Mecham could not have been more helpful and encouraging of this work. He gave carte blanche permission to use information from his book as we wanted. It pleased us greatly to encompass the text portion of his book, to make it available to the many people who have been unable to obtain a copy since it went out of print. Also, William James Mortimer granted permission to use factual information from his 1961 publication, *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* prepared for the Wasatch County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

It is my hope that family research will continue unabated on the Wall line, and that more information will become available to give rise to more writings on William Madison Wall to help quench the thirst for knowledge of this great progenitor. I look forward to associating with him and you descendants throughout the eternities.

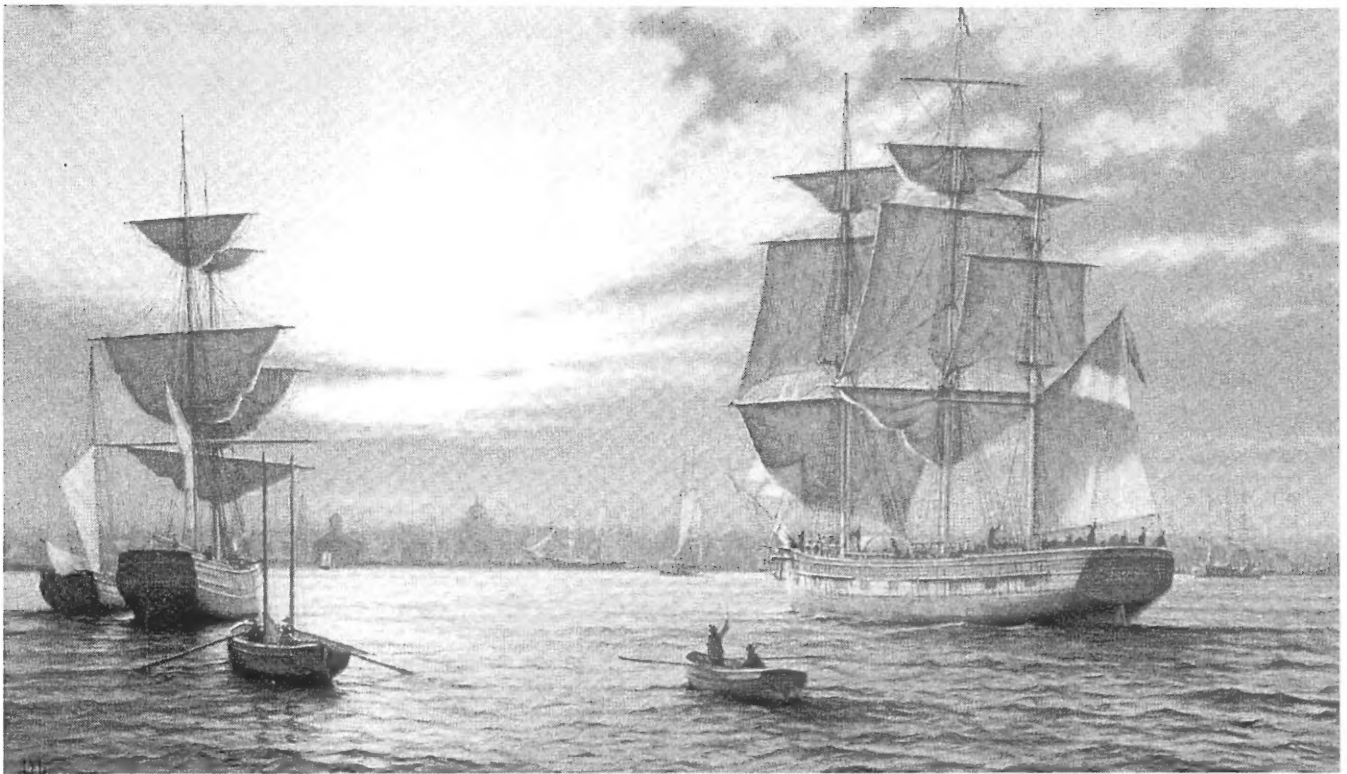
they add to the Wall family legacy. There is never a completion to a work of this kind. As long as children are born, married, have children of their own, and die this history will not be complete. At best, it can only represent a period in time, and that only partially.

The final chapters of this work highlight the lives of two members of William Madison Wall's posterity. The lives of Isaac Oliver Wall and Cecil Isaac Wall represent the challenges faced by the next two generations of the numerous direct descendants of William Madison Wall. The experiences of hope and hardship, triumph and tragedy, faith and adversity of these men and their families serve to illustrate the ways in which we are all influenced by the characteristics and courage of those who have gone on before us.

Every family has an important history that makes them who they are. The history that we study in school is a record of great deeds by great men and women. The lasting legacy of the Wall families is the story of how each generation, step by step, through quiet sacrifice helped build their church, their communities and their country. The magnitude of what these ancestors accomplished is a story so marvelous that it will never grow old. We gain strength to face our own future when we look to the examples of those in our past. History has already passed judgement on their actions, but what of our own time? What have we done with the heritage left to us? What will be our contribution to those who come after?

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W. Dee Halverson



*The Walls emigrated from Scotland in the British Isles to
the Virginia Colony in the New World in about 1750.*